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## OLYMPIC RUGGER.

UNITED STATES DEFEAT FRANCE.

Paris, May 18.  
The United States defeated France in the final of the Olympic rugby by 17 points to 3.

Later.  
The United States, whose victory upset all calculations, scored the first try four minutes from the start and from then onward had the best of the game.

They played a very hard game and, the lighter Frenchmen did not like their hard tackling.

Two Frenchmen were incapacitated and one was badly shaken. The French XV. became demoralised towards the end of the game.

The Americans were superior in speed, weight and dash.

The French forwards played well but the backs failed to pierce the American defence.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP.

DENMARK DEFEAT HUNGARY.

Copenhagen, May 18.  
Denmark defeated Hungary in the Davis Cup by 8 matches to 2 and now meet Italy.

## ARMS EVIL.

SHANGHAI, May 16.  
The North-China Daily News, in the course of a leading article to-day dealing with arms smuggling, says that the whole question calls for concerted drastic action of all the Governments interested in the Far East.

The writer pays a tribute to the efforts of the Customs authorities and police to suppress the traffic. A salient feature emerging from a consideration of the question is the "miserable inadequate" powers of the Shanghai Courts.

The writer points to the beneficial effects of the new Arms Ordinance at Hongkong, the adoption of which is recommended for Shanghai.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

## RACING.

LONDON, May 17.  
The result of the Great Jubilee Handicap, one mile and a quarter, run at Kempton to-day, was as under:

Fourth (9 to 2 against) ..... 1  
Verdict (9 to 1 against) ..... 2  
Soldano (6 to 1 against) ..... 3  
Twelve started. Won by a short head; the same distance between second and third.

The place betting was even on Vordict and 7 to 4 against Soldano and Parth.—Reuter.

Black Gold won the Kentucky Derby.—Reuter's American Service.

## HOME CRICKET.

LONDON, May 17.  
At Manchester, in glorious weather, before 12,000 spectators, the South Africans were all dismissed for 60. Richard Tydesley taking 7 wickets for 28 and Parkin 3 for 28. Lancashire replied with 246 for the loss of 5 wickets, Watson being undefeated with a century to his credit, whilst Sharp scored 55.—Reuter.

PARIS, May 17.  
At Association football, England defeated France by 3 goals to 1.—Reuter.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

That varied programme presented by Cheffalo the magician and "The Forbidden Law" a picture with a strong climax will be seen for the last time at the 5.15 and 9.15 shows at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

"Determination," a ten-reel picture follows to-morrow. It has been claimed that this picture will entirely satisfy the most cosmopolitan tastes of cinema audiences as the stupendous scenes shown will include a large ball in the fashion centre of the East End, an interior of a Paris gambling establishment with its habitués of both sexes, a boxing match and a horse-race and the scheming of an Apache gang.

Riga, May 17.—It is reported from Moscow that the Minsk Supreme Court sentenced a man named Katzarov to five years' and a woman named Runzheva to two years' imprisonment for espionage on behalf of the American Relief Administration, which M. Zinovief, at the provincial conference of the Communist party at Leningrad, stated was a purely spying organisation.—Reuter.

## GERMANY LESS HOSTILE.

Berlin, May 17.

The Nationalist party, which will be the deciding factor in any coalition which will probably be formed as the result of the elections, is showing less hostility to the adoption of Colonel Dawe's reparations report, a meeting of the party deciding in favour of the continuation of the policy of the Marx-Stressemann Government.

Industrialist banks now desperately favour the adoption of the report in consequence of the financial crisis, due to the belated effort of the Reichsbank to arrest the indiscriminate grant of credits that followed the stabilisation of the Bank. The necessity of meeting commitments in cash has caused a stream of bankruptcies among smaller banks and retailers. The crisis is intensified by the appreciation of the Franc, which has caused a widespread havoc among innumerable speculators as its fall. There is every indication that the parties they acquired in the elections, not to wreck the international settlement, but to complete the destruction of "progressive" movements that have gradually weakened since the revolution. A vast Reactionary demonstration at Halle, and similar demonstrations planned at Berlin, Breslau and elsewhere, testify to the growing strength of the Reactionaries; and the ineffectual effort at self-assertion by the Ruhr miners, half a million of whom are locked out because they insisted on the establishment of a seven-hour shift, is evidence of the weakness of the workers.—Reuter.

## "PEACOCK" ALLEY.

BRIGHT PICTURE FOR DULL WEATHER.

Contrasted with the depressing weather in the streets outside is the cosy comfort in the Coronet Theatre where the feature picture is "Peacock Alley." It is essentially a picture for dull days. Bright, vivacious, spectacular—it has all the dash and the gaiety of the world's great capitals, all the sparkle of Parisian café life and the lure of New York's hectic nights, with a few drowsy days in the quiet backwater of a Normandy village to give extra edge to it all. The story of "Peacock Alley" concerns a pretty little French girl who leaves her country home and becomes famous in Paris as a dancer. Eventually she marries a prosaic American business man and then her troubles begin, as her husband's people do not fail to express their horror of her gay Parisian ways. Everything comes alright in the end, of course, but not before some very piquant incidents have been enacted. Mae Murray plays the leading role, and if for nothing else, her performance is remarkable by reason of her exceedingly clever dancing. Woven round life in two of the world's gayest capitals it might only be expected that "Peacock Alley" would present some very beautiful costumes.

## EX-CROWN PRINCE.

EMPLOYED AS COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.

Years ago it used to be said that the German Emperor, had he been born in humbler circumstances, would have made a good commercial traveller. This observation, through the strange mutations of fortune, has actually come true in the person of his son the ex-Crown Prince.

Moved by his plea that his fortune had suffered just the same as everybody else's through the depression of the mark, the German Government gave the ex-Crown Prince permission to bring his family to Germany to seek some remunerative occupation. This he has obtained as a traveller for agricultural machinery. He should do very well in this line, since all the large landowners are staunch monarchists and many of them are personally known to him. W. Hohenzollern, Jun., and his family are at present living in Potsdam, and he is in the habit of taking them to the pictures like any other respectable business man. It is said that he fills the part of "drummer" to the life.

AGE OF UGLINESS?  
SIR H. SLESSOR SAYS IT IS HOPELESSLY BAD.

"Contrast the Middle Age—even an Act of Parliament of Queen Elizabeth was more beautifully written than many a modern novel. If we are to change this tremendous educative effort will be needed," said Sir Henry H. Slessor, M.P., the new Solicitor-General, in a recent lecture reported in The Crusader.

"It is interesting and somewhat curious to note how many countries and ages have been judged by their aesthetic achievement. I think this age will go down to history as the Age of Ugliness! We can build neither houses nor town halls nor railway stations! Even our war memorials—expressions of a deep and sincere emotion—are hopelessly bad, and Queen Eleanor would seem to have been much more truly beloved by her people than Victoria if we are to judge by the beauty of the statues erected in her honour."

But, surely Sir Henry must admit that we are making vast improvements on the Victorian Age, in those respects.

## TENNIS LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

U.S.R.C. v. Chinese R.C.

Playing on Saturday in the first division of the League, the United Services R.C. defeated the Chinese R.C. by 66 games to 33. Scores:—Grace and Worthington (U.S.R.C.) beat Ho and Ho 7-4; beat Lau and Lau 9-2; beat Wong and Choa 7-4.

Montague Bates and Hattersley Smith (U.S.R.C.) beat Ho and Ho 9-2; beat Lau and Lau 9-2; beat Wong and Choa 11-0.

Butterworth and Allfree (U.S.R.C.) lost to Ho and Ho 8-8; lost to Lau and Lau 5-6; beat Wong and Choa 7-4.

SECOND DIVISION.

Netherlands T.C. v. K.C.C. "A."

The K.C.C. "A" defeated the Netherlands T.C. by 63 games to 36. Scores:—

Notenius de Man and Bonnerman (N.T.C.) lost to Brown and Mason 4-7; beat Oliver and Ramsay 6-5; lost to Green and Jordan 5-6.

Groot and Woutman (N.T.C.) lost to Mason and Brown 4-7; lost to Oliver and Ramsay 1-10; lost to Green and Jordan 5-6.

Egmond and Hientzen (N.T.C.) lost to Mason and Brown 3-8; lost to Oliver and Ramsay 4-7; lost to Green and Jordan 5-6.

Chinese R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.

The Chinese R.C. defeated the Civil Service C.C. by 58 games to 41.

Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen beat Shepherd and Luck 8-3; beat Best and Gillow 7-4; beat Smith and White 7-4.

Wu Kun-ying and Ip Kau lost to Shepherd and Luck 5-6; lost to Best and Gillow 4-7; beat Smith and White 10-1.

Choy Ping-sun and Lam Yuk-ying lost to Shepherd and Luck 5-6; lost to Best and Gillow 5-6; beat Smith and White 7-4.

Other matches were postponed.

## SIX RIVALS.

DANCE THAT ENDED IN A FIGHT.

Glasgow police had to be called to a dance hall in the Partick division of Glasgow to deal with a disturbance which arose through rivalry between six young men who wished to dance with an attractive young woman.

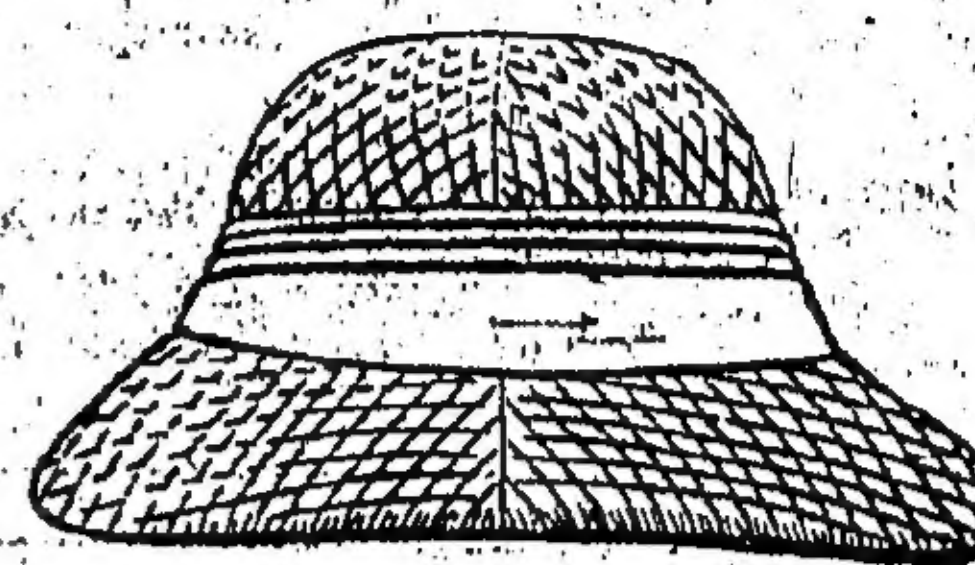
The rivals, it appears, surrounded the girl and pressed their attentions upon her. Eventually she selected one of them, but before the couple had reached the floor the hall was in an uproar and fighting ensued.

The management telephoned for police who upon arrival quickly cleared the hall. Outside, however, the dancers renewed the fighting, and reinforcements of police had to be summoned.

The young man who had been favoured by the girl was attacked, and the young woman, in an attempt to defend him, was knocked down.

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**MAIL WEEK NEWS.**  
ITEMS FROM FAR AND  
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Water powers for local authorities in matters of finance and municipal trading are aimed at in a Bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Socialist member for South Hackney.

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, who disposed of cases at Westminster County Court, entered a London nursing home for a minor operation, and will not resume his duties until after Easter.

Alkhin Medjid, the ex-Admiral, has given an undertaking to the Swiss Government that he will not participate in any political or religious activities, and in consequence he will be allowed to remain in Switzerland.

The outbreak of typhoid in the ships of the Mediterranean fleet is confined to the lower deck of the battleship "Royal Sovereign". One death has occurred and several patients are in a very serious condition.

The Brighton magistrates ordered Mrs. Muriel Jones, a widow with nine children, to give up her milk business. She was summoned for the third time for selling milk adulterated with water.

Nearly 41,000 will be distributed among the children's hospitals of Canada from the proceeds of the sale of gramophone records of the "Empire" made by the King and Queen for last Empire Day.

When Humphrey Francis, Bangham, of the Royal Field Artillery, Equitation School, Woodon, Norfolk, was fined £5, with £5 ss. costs, at Marylebone Police Court for driving a motor-car at a dangerous speed it was stated that he knocked down a perambulator containing a baby.

Reform of the whole system of Poor Law is under consideration. Mr. Wheatley stated when the Bill to extend the duration of the Local Authorities (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1923, came before a House of Commons Committee.

Mrs. Margaret Matzenauer, the Hungarian soprano, of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and two other artists whose combined New York fees would have exceeded £2,000, appeared at a concert in the "Aquarium" at Southampton.

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**Roasting by Electricity.**  
A new and unusual application of electric heating was made recently when electrically barbecued beef was served to 5,000 people at the annual round up and celebration at Ephraim, Washington. "We learn from *Electrical World* that four steers, weighing about 2,000 pounds each, were dressed and prepared for the barbecue, and roasted in a large electrically-heated pit built especially for the occasion. The improved oven was 32 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 6 feet deep. Twelve heating elements, each of 3 kilowatt capacity, and consisting of about 150 feet of No. 14 iron wire, were placed one foot above the bottom of the pit. Sheet-iron heat deflectors were placed one foot above the heating elements and a foot and a half above the deflectors were placed iron bars to hold the beef. Thermostatic control was provided to maintain an even heat in the pit. The meat was first roasted at a temperature of 550 degrees for two hours. The heat was then reduced to 350 degrees and maintained at this point for four hours. For the next six hours the temperature ranged from 250 degrees to 300 degrees. At midnight the meat had been roasting for twelve hours, and the temperature was then reduced to 200 degrees, and held there for twelve hours until the time of the barbecue. *Weekly Telegraph.*

**Oscillation of the Atmosphere.**  
A paper recently brought before the Royal Meteorological Society by Professor S. Chapman deals with the cause of the atmospheric oscillation which manifests itself in the semi-diurnal variation of barometric pressure. It has remained an open question whether the oscillation was mainly caused by the daily heating and cooling of the atmosphere, or whether the sun's gravitational influence also played an appreciable part in the phenomenon. This uncertainty rendered it difficult to explain, even roughly, the observed phase of the oscillation. In the present paper an attempt is made to estimate the relative importance of the two causes, assuming that the semi-diurnal changes of temperature in the lower atmosphere are mainly due to the thermal conduction upwards from the ground. "The result is somewhat indefinite, not because of mathematical difficulties, but chiefly owing to the scarcity of reliable data concerning the semi-diurnal variation of temperature and the odd conductivity over large parts of the earth. It seems not unlikely, however, that the sun's thermal and gravitational influences are about equally responsible for the oscillation, and on this hypothesis the observed phase of the oscillation can be accounted for fairly well. The magnitude of the oscillation indicates that the approximation of the adjustment from period to twelve solar hours must be very close—that is, to within a few minutes; this is much nearer than existing theories of atmospheric vibrations can account for. *Engineering.*

**The Pale Primrose.**

Primroses are beloved, but now rural school children add them to the posies of sweet-violets they delight in carrying to teacher (says a *Morning Post* writer). Poets have invested the pale-eyed primrose with a tinge of melancholy. Thus, Coleridge sang, "The joy is ours, but all its own the sadness." Shakespeare named it, in "Cymbeline," among the funeral flowers. It figures as a lover's flower in a song saucily attributed to Thomas "creeper," and aspect and frail bending stalk betokening all a lover's fears and doubts. Some botanists account for the pale, love-lorn look by a theory that the primrose lures, not bees, but insect fly-by-nights.

**Golden Daffodils.**

Daffodils have inspired poets from Shakespeare to Tennyson, but their pensive beauty has not a universal appeal (observes a *Daily Chronicle* writer). Sir Herbert Maxwell tells of a Scottish kirkyard where "a great store of daffodils" was an annual delight to churchgoers. One March Sunday morning, when he and others went to church, expecting to find the flowers in bloom they were found mown down and lying in dismal swathes upon the lawn and among the graves. After the service Sir Herbert went to the minister to inquire the reason of this outrage. "Oh, it was done by my orders," was the explanation; "my wife dislikes yellow, which she considers a vulgar colour."

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**Is It Snobbery?**

Considerable interest has been aroused in Edinburgh by the statement made by Sir Thomas Hutchison, Bart., at a public dinner in Edinburgh that the shopkeepers in the capital were saying that they were not getting the same amount of orders from people who attended functions at Holyrood because they did not propose to attend this year. He considered this, declared Sir Thomas, to be an exhibition of snobishness on the part of the capital of Scotland. From inquiries made there seems to be no doubt that such statements are circulating in the city, but the precise degree of reliance to be placed on them is another matter. Most of the traders approached were not inclined to attribute any diminution in orders to this alleged snobishness. The owner of one establishment, however, stated that most of their regular customers had declared that they did not intend going to Holyrood functions this year. They were endeavouring to persuade them to change their minds.

**Microscopic Life in the Ocean.**

The surface waters of the sea in all parts of the globe abound in microscopic floating life which can be collected by a towing net of close mesh through the water; indeed, it has been said that a man on a raft with a silk handkerchief never need starve. Now, when the micro-organisms die, their shells, which are imperishable, start upon the long, slow downward journey. "They descend gradually in the warm surface layer of water till they reach the limit of sunlight. Thus it comes about that down to a depth of 2,000 fathoms or so the great abyssal plain is covered with a greyish-white deposit of chalky mud, known as the globigerina ooze. The name is derived from the organism globigerina, whose shell preponderates in numbers over all others. Observations made in the work of laying and taking up cables in the Atlantic have shown that the rate of deposition of globigerina ooze may be as high as one inch in ten years. At greater depths than 2,000 fathoms on an average the globigerina shells are all absorbed before they reach the bottom, but the radiolaria are still sinking and form radiolarian ooze in the deeper parts of the abyss. Even the glassy radiolaria are dissolved in sinking to very much greater depths, and in the deepest region of all the ocean-bed is covered with red clay in which living remains are scanty. Other deep-sea deposits formed from the sinking of the hard shells of surface-living organisms are the pteropod ooze, from shells of the "sea-butterflies," and the diatom ooze. "In order to take a sample of the sea-bottom, it is merely necessary to smear before taking a sounding. Then when the lead comes up a small quantity of the bottom deposit adheres to the tallow. Dust from deserts, powdered pumice, volcanic and meteoric dust, shingle, coral, bones of whales, combs, and other objects contribute to the dust-mud in the ocean depths.—G. F. Sloggs, in the *Daily Mail.*

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## INTIMATIONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Monday, 26th May 1924, at noon.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th May, 1924 to 26th May 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
S. J. JORDAN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1924.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned, on FRIDAY, the 23rd May, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th May, 1924.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that scrip No. 4227 for 500 shares Ewa Cotton Mills Ltd. in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM of Hongkong, together with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been lost.

The said shares are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

Messrs. ELLIS &amp; CO.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1924.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 24th May 1924 commencing at 3 p.m. The first half will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linthead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY May 23rd.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1924.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY 7th and MONDAY 9th June, 1924 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close on 24th May 1924.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1924.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY the 28th May, 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY 21st May to WEDNESDAY 28th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1924.

THE "STAIN" FERRY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 30th May, 1924, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to April 30th, 1924.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, the 24th May, 1924 to FRIDAY, 30th May, 1924, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 16th, 1924.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the power of attorney granted to MR. JOHN RYDERS HINDMARSH has this day been revoked.

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As he was stopping a man from stealing a car from a block of flats in Emmer's-gate, South Kensington, Alfred Darkens, the porter, was knocked unconscious and had to be taken to hospital.

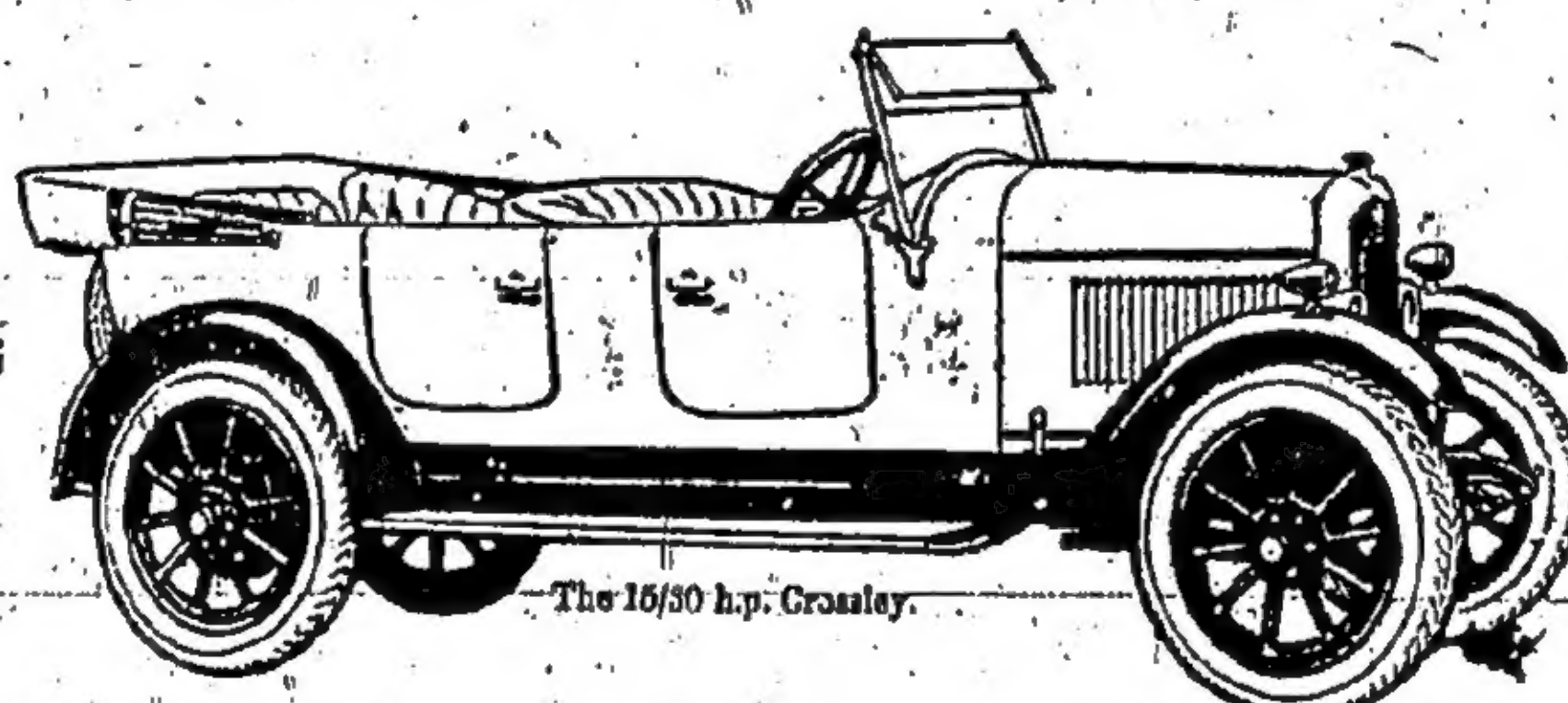
A number of large hawblers in Aberdeen have been purchased by Germans recently, and two others which were taken over left Aberdeen for the fishing grounds, manned by German crews.

## HOW LONG SHOULD A GIRL WAIT FOR MAN?

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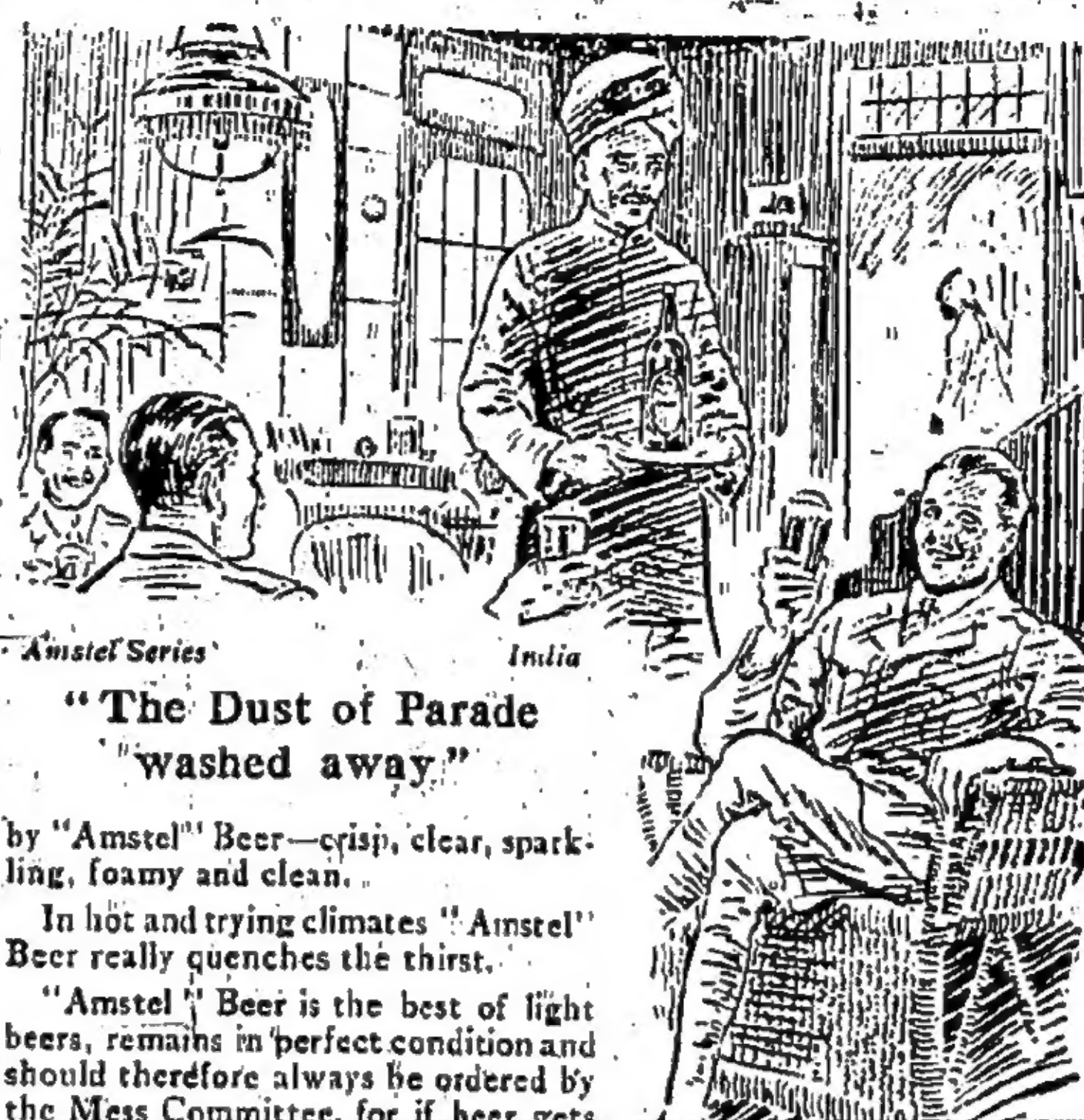
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#### MARRIAGES.

**RAGO-GOH.**—On May 10, 1924, at Shanghai, Joe Joseph de Rago to Agnes Goh.  
**COOPER-WHITE.**—On May 12, 1924, at Shanghai, Thomas Austin Cooper, younger son of Mrs. A. Cooper, of Dulwich, London, to Florence Maude (Lollie), second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Augustus White, of Shanghai.

#### DEATHS.

**PICHON.**—On April 18, 1924, in Paris, Dr. Louis Pichon (formerly of Shanghai), aged 84 years.  
**PEARSON.**—On May 12, 1924, at Shanghai, Eulalia Colloco Pearson, aged 68 years.

#### The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, MAY 19, 1924.

#### MR. MONTAGUE EDE.

It is refreshing to turn from the doubts and evasions that seem to characterise affairs in Canton, to the somewhat calmer and more honest atmosphere of a great business concern that is world-wide in its ramifications; that has stood the test of time and competition and is as firm as the very mountains. Annual meetings can be very prosaic things, but it is a time of retirement that the more than human element enters and the touch of nature makes everyone kin. If we join our wishes with those which have found

expression at the news of Mr. Montague Ede's pending retirement, it is because Mr. Ede appeals to us as the model citizen. If, outside his intense devotion to business which has made the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. one of the greatest concerns in the world, there is one quality of his that needs to be emphasised and largely copied, it is that of modesty. It might almost be termed a sense of humility; that sense which leads many to attempt tasks which need to be done, and to do them without that glare of publicity which beats about the actions of our great ones. We trust that the guiding of a huge concern will not be the only thing that Mr. Ede will be remembered by. Some of us remember his honorary organisation of the War Thrift Association; his devotion to higher educational interests, and above all to his interest in helping to solve the biggest and bitterest problem that has ever faced the Colony. Mr. Ede knows best if his Kowloon Tong scheme has brought in its train disillusion, and that the path of benefactors is not always one of roses. But we regard that scheme as a monument of kindly thought and endeavour. Honours may come to Mr. Ede as he so richly deserves, but we can think of no greater honour than to be regarded with affection by those amongst whom he has lived; with confidence by those who have been daily associated with him; and with admiration by those who applaud public spirited service of the highest possible order, given as it seems to us in that spirit of humility which is the best example a somewhat blatant age so sadly needs.

**The Riecha Coolie.**  
Two correspondents to the China Mail have urged us to take pity on Hongkong's most familiar figure—the riehsh coolie, one urging the authorities to put up "some sort of a building or club for these poor creatures—where they could have some of the amenities of life—where they could bathe, wash their clothes, and dry them in wet weather." In Shanghai, as we have previously pointed out, riehsh men are the care of a special mission, organised on humanitarian and religious lines. The men are cared for, educated in different directions, instructed in traffic regulations; urged to be exemplars; have their medical wants attended to, etc., etc. In Hongkong? Hongkong is rightly concerned through its organised Society with the question of cruelty to animals; with charity through its Benevolent and Ministering League, Societies, but in the humans with the outlines of men who drag human freight—"200-pounders" some of them—no one apparently is concerned. We should like to see something done for all the workers engaged in the lowest forms of labour in the Colony. For the quay-side coolies, as well as for chair and riehsh coolies. We published an investigation made during the winter of the number of men forced to sleep in the open air—calling them derelicts. Hongkong, with all its wealth, should find a moment of consideration for these seeming outcasts—should consider if a building or two on the Rowton principle is not possible for this place—and having decided that it is—get on with it as soon as possible.

#### Canton's Spleen.

Whatever sympathy one might have felt disposed to extend to the Canton Government concerning the damage it claims to have suffered through the reports that Dr. Sun Yat-sen was dead, is largely alienated owing to the attitude of the Canton Government itself, first in failing to issue the prompt official statement that would have discounted the news; next in maintaining the secrecy which has enshrouded the Generalissimo since his "indisposition" began, and finally in banishing for ten years the Editor of the new Canton English paper, the *Evening Star*, ostensibly for "spreading false rumours." Any one of these actions would have been sufficient in itself to place the Canton Government in a very dubious light, but taken altogether they represent an indictment which reads strangely. Beside Mr. Eugene Chen's passionate claim that the Canton officials are not children. Anything more childish,

more stupidly childish, than this last example of spleen it would be hard to find for if as Mr. Eugene Chen claims, Dr. Sun Yat-sen will not suffer the indignity of an interview, "the damage being done," what point can there be in persecuting an Editor for accepting news which was sufficiently circumstantial to deceive responsible English journals, which have even now after all the belated official statements "have been issued?" The Canton Government, as we have said before, has only itself to blame for the reports of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's death gaining ground at all, and its otherwise inexplicable harshness towards the *Evening Star* Editor suggests that it realises the truth of this, realises it so much, in fact, that it is ready to vent its chagrin on anyone within its power.

**A CENSORED COMET.**  
Mr. Reid, the South African astronomer, who has just discovered a new comet, has now five comets to his credit. He discovered his first six years ago, during the war, which is a reminder that soon after the war broke out a colleague of Mr. Reid found a comet and duly cabled the news to the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich. The fact was verified and a cable sent to the head of an American observatory, giving, in code, details of its position in the sky. But the British Censor, like another who deleted the phrase "the capture and the king's death," was taking no chance, and all the American astronomer was permitted to know was that a comet had been discovered. "Further details," it was added, "being forbidden for military reasons." Probably the Censor half suspected that the comet might be on a bomb-dropping expedition.

**Who said "Resignation"?**  
After a famous model, Mr. Wheatley, "That would spoil things completely, I didn't say Resignation!"

**Who made such a suggestion?**  
"Not I," said Mr. Clynes. "He's a coward who resigns. I didn't make the suggestion."

**Who thinks we ought to go?**  
"Not I," said Mr. Jowett. "Not if I know it. I don't think we ought to go!"

**Who says our time's up?**  
"Not I," said Mr. Shaw. "I don't think our time's up."

**Who says we're not earning our money?**  
"Not I," said Mr. Thomas. "And they shan't take it from us. Of course we're earning our money!"

**Who talks of the "ebbing tide"?**  
"Not I," said Mr. Webb. "And I don't care if it does ebb. Blow the ebbing tide!"

Thus the Premier's faithful colleagues, With loud cheers and acclamation, Did persuade him not to think of Such a thing as Resignation, Not to think of a horrid thing—like Resignation! —W. H. B.

**A whole village** is included in the FOR SALE—forthcoming—sale of the Hon. Henry Neville Gladstone's Cheshire estate, the manor and village of Burton. The property is part of the Hawarden estate. Burton also remembers its military hero, General Sir William Congreve, who invented the war rocket. Burton is such a bijou village that in a fairly comprehensive digest of the 101 census of Cheshire towns and villages it is not thought worthy of mention, but the estate offered for sale is a large one, including the manor house and the adjoinment of the living.

**WHAT THE**—the stories told GODS ORDER. by James Agate, when he spoke on Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" at the Sesame Club.

A new force was going dreadfully on, the forces, through sheer discouragement, gradually dropping their voices.

"Louder, please!" came a request from the gallery. "Obediently the voices were raised, only to become again inaudible."

"Louder!" the command came, with the same result.

Then again the gallery spoke "Louder—and louder!"

**SCHOOL'S IN.**—The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are joined by the Sewage Canal.

An abstract noun is something you can't see when you are looking at it.

Cecil Rhodes founded Boadicea.

"Hear you were judge at a baby show, yet if I have heard you say once, I have heard you say fifty times that all babies look alike to you."

"Then how could you tell which was the prettiest baby?"

"I judged by the mothers."

**To-day's Poem.**  
(Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead.)

Home they brought her warrior dead,  
She nor swoon'd, nor uttered cry;  
All her maidens, watching, said,  
"She must weep or she will die."

Then they praised him, soft and low,  
Call'd him worthy to be lov'd,  
Truest friend and noblest foe;  
Yet she neither spoke nor moved.

Stole a maiden from her place  
"Lightly to the warrior steep,  
Took the face-cloth from the face:  
Yet she neither moved nor wept."

Rose a nurse of ninety years,  
Set his child upon her knee—  
Like summer tempest came her tears:  
"Sweet, my child, I live for thee!"

—Tennyson.

**WEATHER CALENDAR.**  
MAY 19.

1662. So my wife walking and singing upon the leads till very late, it being pleasant and moonshine, and so to bed.—Pepys.

**THE LEADING MINORITY.**

Aristocracy and fashion are certain inevitable results. These mutual selections are indestructible. If they provoke anger in the least favoured class, and the excluded majority revenge themselves on the excluding minority, by the strong hand, and kill them, at once a new class finds itself at the top, as certainly as cream rises in a bowl of milk; and if the people should destroy class after class, until two men only were left, one of these would be the leader, and would be involuntarily served and copied by the other. You may keep this minority out of sight and out of mind, but it is tenacious of life, and is one of the estates of the realm.

—Emerson.

**SHADOWS BEFORE.**  
Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

**ENTERTAINMENTS.**

May 20.—Coronet Theatre; "Peacock Alley."  
May 20.—Star Theatre; "Excuse My Dust."  
May 20.—World Theatre; "The Thrill Chaser."

May 20.—Queen's Theatre; "Cheval and Palomares, the Magicians," SOCIAL.

May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 8.15 p.m.

June 12.—Mr. William Hongshan, well known Baso-Baritone, will sing at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

**SPORTS.**  
May 24.—Third extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.  
June 7-9.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
May 23.—Lammert Bros., at 8 Leighton Hill Road, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

May 23.—Lammert Bros., at 6, Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, machinery, 3 p.m.

**COMPANY MEETINGS.**  
May 23.—Forty-third meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Jardine Matheson's offices, at noon.

May 26.—Second meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, noon.

May 28.—Meeting of shareholders of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

May 30.—Twenty-sixth meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

**JOHANNESBURG.** May 17.—The Chinese Nationalist Party has received a cable from party headquarters in Canton, stating that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has recovered and is working as usual.—*Reuter.*

**SIMLA.** May 17.—A party of Scouts intercepted the Mahaud gang on the 16th May at Tormand. Two Mahauds were killed and one wounded.—*Reuter.*

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The twin-screw cargo motorship the "Dolius," built by Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd., Greenock, for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., Liverpool has just concluded a series of trials, eminently satisfactory on the Clyde. The vessel is 423 feet in length, 52 feet moulded breadth, and of 11,370 tons displacement. (She has been constructed for classification with the British Corporation and Lloyd's Register, her propelling machinery being the new Scott-Still type of heavy oil engine. Throughout the trials the engines worked with the utmost smoothness, a mean speed of 12.17 knots being attained.

In the Scott-Still engine steam is used instead of compressed air to effect the starting, reversing, and manoeuvring. The steam is supplied from a regenerator or boiler burning oil in the usual way, and at the same time the steam supply is supplemented from the waste heat of combustion, but when the ship is under way steam is generated from the waste heat of combustion alone and is used in the engine to augment the total power delivered to the propellers. In the "Dolius" there are two main engines each having four cylinders, 22 in. in diameter, with a stroke of 35 in. and of 2,500 brake-horse-power combined. At this power the engines are very conservatively rated and run at about 120 revolutions per minute. The main engines are of the two-stroke cycle type, arranged for port scavenging. Scavenging air is supplied to both engines by one turbo-blower driven by a low pressure turbine, supplied with the exhaust steam from the main engines, and exhausting to the condenser. As a stand-by, an electric motor is coupled to the other side of the blower. In the main engines the steam is expanded in two stages, and so there is reproduced on a small scale the familiar combination of reciprocating and turbine engines working together, which was a feature of marine machinery installations about the time when the turbine was being introduced into the Mercantile Marine.

On the combustion side, the cylinders are surrounded by jacket water, which is in direct communication with the regenerator, and is consequently at regenerator temperature and pressure. All the heat, therefore, which passes to the jacket water, goes to the generation of steam, instead of being discharged overboard, as is usual in internal combustion engines. The combustion exhaust gases are led to the regenerator, where they part with a considerable proportion of their heat to the water side, thence they pass through the feed water heater to the atmosphere, which they reach at a temperature of a little over 200 degrees F. Small primary regenerators have been introduced to take the first blast of the exhaust gases, before passing them to the main regenerators, of which there is one to each main engine. The whole combination of regenerator and feed water heater, in addition to fulfilling the function of extracting heat from the outgoing gases, acts also as a very effective silencer.

A group of pumps is driven by a rocking lever from the forward end of each engine, and comprises an air pump, feed pump, forced lubrication pump, bilge pump, and other pumps usually found on a steam engine. They are all very small, as the power developed by the steam is only about 15 per cent. of the total power of the engines. Since starting is effected by steam no expensive air compressors, storage bottles, or auxiliary engines are to be found in the ship. A standby feed pump and a standby forced lubrication pump, steam driven, are provided for port use. The main condenser has a surface of 1,000 square feet and is designed for a vacuum of 28 inches. A motor-driven centrifugal circulating pump supplies the cooling water to the condenser.

Her elaborate equipment includes the Turnbull patent lifeboat turning-out gear. Amongst those on board the trials were Mr. R. L. Scott, Mr. James Brown, Mr. J. B. Hutchison, and Mr. Cedric S. Scott (directors of Scott's Company); Major G. A. Major Glynn, Mr. William Denny, Mr. James Esplen, and Mr. W. G. Still (directors of the Still Engine Co.); Mr. S. B. Freeman and Mr. G. W. Barr, superintendent engineer and naval architect respectively for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co.; Sir Hugh Reid, Bart., Captain F. E. H. Acland, Mr. Robert Trill, Mr. C. Randolph Smith, Mr. Archibald Gilchrist, Mr. Harold E. Yarrow, C.B.E., Mr. A. G. McEldowney, Mr. John Macintyre, Mr. J. R. Richmond, Engineer-Rear Admiral Whittingham, C.B.; Lieutenant Colonel E. Kitson Clark, D.S.O.; Mr. G. L. Weir, Mr. William Tod, Mr. Alexander Storer, Mr. C. S. Douglas, D.Sc.; Mr. Arthur Spyer, and Mr. Bruce Thompson.

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#### HONGKONG'S FAME.

#### STILL SPREADING OVER THE WORLD.

#### FAMOUS FISH AT ZOO.

Among the famous species of fish exhibited in the new aquarium which was opened in the London Zoo on April 8, is one from Hongkong, which is described by *The Observer* as "famous in the world." It was found in the gardens at Hongkong after the burst of some water pipes. It was given to the Zoo, and was held to be an ordinary salamander. But it grew and grew, and has now proved itself a new species hitherto unknown to science. In this new aquarium the public may see an assemblage of fish in model haunts comparable with the scarcely creditable wonders of the aquarium at Honolulu and Florida. And to show the expressions of admiration is a fish from Hongkong!

#### "MELAMPUS" LAUNCHED.

There was successfully launched from the Hebburn Shipyard of Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Ltd., on April 4 the steam screw cargo and passenger steamer "Melampus," built to the order of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., and the first of a new class for the Nederlandsche Stoomvaart-Maatschappij "Ocean," of Amsterdam, for the Holland and Indian trade.

The "Melampus," which is of the two-deck type, with poop, bridge and forecastle, has an overall length of 365 feet, breadth being 32 ft. 6 in., and her depth to upper deck 22 ft. 6 in. She has six clear holds, two of which are adapted for the carriage of liquid cargoes or water ballast; the double bottom extends all fore and aft and is used for oil fuel or water ballast. The officers and engineers are berthed in spacious rooms on the bridge deck, the master's quarters are on the upper bridge, and accommodation for the seamen and firemen is provided in the poop. An efficient system of cargo handling appliances is fitted, including a derrick for lifting a 40-ton load at the foremast, and generally the vessel complies with the requirements of the Dutch and British Boards of Trade for passenger and cargo service.

The steamer is to be propelled by a single-screw actuated by double-reduction geared turbines, steam being generated by two double-ended cylindrical boilers. An auxiliary boiler for the deck machinery is situated above the main boiler room on the upper deck. The boilers are arranged to burn either coal or oil, and the main boilers are fitted with Howden's system of forced draught. The machinery has been built by Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Ltd., at the Jarrow Works.

Proposing the toast of "Success to the 'Melampus' her owners, and good luck to all who sail in the ship," Mr. Ritchie remarked that the "Melampus" was the first of a new class for the Nederlandsche Stoomvaart-Maatschappij "Ocean" for their Holland-India trade, and had been built to the order of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. He expressed his pleasure at the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian, and proceeding, gave some particulars of the "Melampus." He said Palmers were very pleased to have built the vessel, and he hoped that she would prove successful in every respect. It had been their pleasure to be associated with Messrs. Holt during the last few years in the construction of several large vessels for their lines, which were so well known throughout the world, and their relationships throughout had been most happy. It might be interesting, he said, to note, by the way, that the Blue Funnel Line by which name Messrs. Holt's boats were known, was founded so far back as 1852 by Mr. Alfred Holt, and that on the 30th June of the same year Sir Charles Mark Palmer, the founder of the Palmer Company, launched his first iron screw collier, the "John Bowes," which was still afloat. A further coincidence also, which might not be without interest, was that the Ocean Steam Ship Co., Ltd., which was Messrs. Holt's principal company, was formed in 1865, and that it was also in the same year that Sir Charles Palmer formed his Jarrow works into a limited company under its present designation. And yet one more interesting circumstance might be mentioned—namely, that the granddaughter of Sir Charles Palmer was the wife of Mr. Philip Holt.

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## ROBBERS ON BOARD.

## PLUCKY CONDUCT OF THREE WOMEN.

The story of how the schemes of two intending robbers were frustrated by the plucky conduct of three Chinese women was told before the Acting Police Judge at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Their grit and determination was described as very praiseworthy by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, prosecuting for the Crown.

The exciting events referred to took place on the night of April 11 on board the cargo boat 2867 V, which, according to the evidence of the licensee, contained a valuable cargo, jewellery belonging to his family, and a number of \$100 bank notes and they resulted in the charge against Sui Nam on two counts of assault with attempt to rob and with attempt to wound Wong Kan (the licensee). For those on board, the night might well be termed an exciting one.

The licensee's wife (who is practically blind) was awakened at 11.30 by a tugging at her wrist and found a man trying to take off her gold bangle. She screamed and the man was alleged to have cut her wrist with a dagger. The woman screamed and awakened her husband who by the light from a night lamp observed that two men were in the cabin. He asked them who they were and they told him to keep quiet. Although an aged man, the licensee got out of his bunk and in the course of a struggle with the men was stabbed in the face and on the head.

It was at this critical moment that the daughters of the licensee, who had been sleeping in the next cabin, arrived on the scene and without a moment's hesitation, in spite of two shots being fired to frighten them, they "set to" and as a result of their handling the men fled. One jumped overboard and was not traced. The other ran along the plank and along the Praya in an easterly direction. A watchman at the Butterfield and Swire godown saw the man pass and hearing the shouts of women on the cargo boat he also called out and an Indian Police Sergeant in the neighbourhood gave chase and eventually caught a man. Nothing was found on him other than a suspender round his leg which Mr. Nihill suggested might have been used as a sheath for a dagger. In the bow of the cargo boat a dagger was found and a light grey shoe which fitted prisoner. The other was found just off the boat plank in the Praya. A week later a revolver was found in the water just off the Praya by a foki engaged in cleaning the hull of the boat at low water. It contained four live rounds and two empty shells.

Defendant denied that he was ever on the cargo boat. A mistake had been made. He was only walking along the Praya when arrested.

All the witnesses except the blind woman identified prisoner as one of the two in the cabin. Defendant was found guilty of assault and attempted robbery and was sentenced to 7 years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch.

## THE EMPRESS - BOATS.

## THE HONGKONG MANILA SERVICE.

A few months ago the Canadian Pacific Company inaugurated the Hongkong-Manila-Hongkong Service with their liners "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia." This service has proved so popular that the company has decided to place the "Empress of Canada" on the same run in addition to the "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia." Steamers will sail from Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon following arrival, will arrive Manila Friday morning, sail from Manila Saturday afternoon and arrive Hongkong early Monday morning.

This service provides an excellent opportunity for those desiring a short holiday or for the business man who may have but little time to spare.

The dimensions of the "Empress of Canada" are, length 653 feet, breadth 77 ft. 9 inches, Gross tonnage 21,500 and displacement tonnage 32,800. The "Empress of Canada" is the largest ship making the Manila call.

Moscow, May 18.—The *Izvestia* in a leading article emphasises the existence of a wave of recognition of the Soviet Government. It says the first question the new French Government must decide will be the arrangement of an agreement with Soviet Russia. It adds that Japan and the United States are changing their attitude toward Russia and the question of recognition will not play an insignificant part in the coming presidential elections in the United States.—*Reuter*.

## SUN YAT-SEN REPORTS.

## CANTON EDITOR BEING BANISHED.

## "SPREADING RUMOURS."

On Friday last it was rumoured in Canton that Mr. Hin Wong (Hon-chiu) of the new "Evening Star" had been detained by the police there.

The "Canton Gazette" has the following:—  
Mr. Hin Wong, well-known newspaper correspondent, in Canton, was arrested yesterday by the Police authorities on the charge of being the principal propagator of the false report concerning the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and other rumours.

He is now kept in detention at Police headquarters pending trial at a later date.

Mr. Hin Wong has been an editor of the "Canton Times" and is now the Editor and chief promoter of the "Canton Evening Star."

Later it was hinted that he was banished and the "Gazette" reports:—  
"Upon receipt of instructions from the Kwangtung Police Headquarters, the City Police Department notified the Detective Corps and Police Stations in Canton to the effect that Wing Hin-chiu (Hin Wong), a native of Namhoi district, has been banished from the territory of Kwangtung province for ten years, as from the 10th of May of the Thirteenth year of the Republic."

In Hongkong this morning there was no mention of the banishment order and it was gathered that petitions from abroad were reaching Canton urging mediation. Consuls have, it is said, been asked to urge his release but with what result it is not known yet. From this it appears as if the banishment order had not been carried into effect or not yet approved.

## SUN YAT-SEN INTERVIEWED!

Following the refusal last week by Dr. Sun Yat-sen to grant interviews to pressmen, the cursory report by the "Canton Gazette" is of piquant interest:—

"Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Generalissimo, granted an interview to Mr. Sakurai, the correspondent of the Eastern News Agency, yesterday afternoon at the General Headquarters."

## CANTON NEWS AGENCY.

For the purpose of supplying the local and outport English newspapers with authentic news concerning Canton and South China, a News Agency has been organized in Canton with Mr. C. H. Lee as its Editor, says the "Canton Gazette." This news agency has established its office at 11, Kwong Wai Maloo, and is expected to begin its service in one week's time.

Mr. C. H. Lee, who came to Canton several weeks ago, is an experienced journalist. He was formerly editor of the "China Outlook," Hongkong; "Peking Gazette," Peking and Shanghai Gazette, Shanghai; from which he resigned just recently.

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## YAUMATI SHOOTING.

## PRISONERS AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The discovery early in the morning of robbers in a house in Canton Street, Yaumati, a police raid, the capture of two of the robbers without an interchange of shots, although one of the robbers attempted to fire several times but his cartridges jammed, and finally the capture of a third robber in the deportee yard after a running fight with P.S. MacEwan and others—these were the incidents which occupied the attention of Acting Chief Justice H. H. J. Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions to-day and at the time of going to press the case was still being heard.

These exciting incidents occurred in December of last year and have already come before the Magistrate. Delay has occurred owing to one of the prisoners having to have his wounds attended in hospital.

It will be remembered that Sgt. Robertson was wounded in the abdomen by a ricochet bullet in the course of firing in the house. He has since been invalided home.

## ARMED ROBBERS.

An impudent robbery was committed in Shanghai Street at about nine o'clock on Saturday night when a Chinese doctor was held up. About eight men insisted that he should hand over his money and then proceeded to strip him of his coat. They also took \$5 and instructed the victim to bring \$50 more to a tea-house.

As they were leaving the Pak Kung temple, Quarry Bay yesterday morning, two Chinese girls met with bad "joss" in the shape of a man armed with a dagger and threatening instant death if they gave the alarm. He stole rings and bangles valued at \$105 and made off after which the girls disregarded his instructions and shouted "Robber" after him but to no avail.

## FATAL FALL.

## VISITOR FROM COUNTRY KILLED.

Little is known of a Chinese visitor who fell from the second floor verandah of No. 85, Des Vaux Road West (a Chinese boardinghouse) on Saturday night and was picked up in a dying condition in the street. He expired while being taken to hospital and his body was subsequently removed to the mortuary. His name is Lai Po and his age given as 24. It is not known what part of the interior he came from but he had only been here a short while. When the police arrived on the scene it was found that his head and leg had been seriously injured and he was emitting a good deal of blood from his mouth, this pointing to severe internal injury.

## INTERPORT SHOOTING.

## SINGAPORE'S SCORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, May 19. In the interport shooting competition, Singapore scored 885. Both light and conditions were difficult.

## DASHING AVIATOR.

## FRENCHMAN REACHES CANTON.

## LEAVING FOR SHANGHAI TO-MORROW.

Captain d'Oisy, the French aviator, who is flying from Paris to Tokyo, arrived at Canton yesterday afternoon, according to a message received in Hongkong by the Commodore by whose courtesy publication is made. The message also states that d'Oisy is likely to leave for Shanghai to-morrow (Tuesday).

It is interesting to note that a *Reuter* telegram from Paris (May 16) states that d'Oisy was to have left French Indo-China on May 17, bound for Peking and Tokyo.

This message seemed to imply that d'Oisy was not landing at Canton where he was first reported due on Friday and then Saturday. On both days three Chinese planes went up to guide him but the local aviators as well as crowds who had gathered at the Tai Sha Ton aerodrome were disappointed. At first it was thought that he had been delayed by unfavourable weather and later it was suggested that owing to flying difficulties connected with Canton he was not stopping over, hence the *Reuter* cable from Paris. Apparently, he has arrived there as originally intended.

## AMERICAN FLIGHT.

## BREMERTON, May 18.

Lieutenant Smith, now leader of the American world fliers in a wireless message from Paramushiru says that the trans-Pacific flight was accomplished in 12½ hours, including 3½ hours delay at a small island off Kure.

## ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

## TOKYO, May 18.

A message from Paramushiru, dated yesterday, stated that the flight from Attu to Paramushiru, a distance of 936 miles, took 12 hours and ten minutes, during which the fliers were forced down by the strong winds and heavy impenetrable snowstorms for a six hour wait off the shores of Koloski, Behing Isle.

The weather here at present is a wild gale, with snow and rain, and the temperature under freezing point.

The fliers, who since leaving Santa Monica on March 17, have flown 5,355 miles, the actual flying time being 73 hours, declared that the Attu-Paramushiru "leg" was the worst, with the Sitka Sea a close second.

Lieut. Smith stated that though they were 17 days behind their scheduled time, they hoped to make this up and reach Santa Monica on September 1. *Reuter's* correspondent says that the aeroplanes will take a supply of fuel oil to-morrow, and if the weather is favourable the flight will be continued immediately. Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

## EARLIER CABLES.

Paramushiru, May 17.—The American world fliers have arrived. Tokyo, May 17.—The planes arrived at Paramushiru from Attu without warning, despite every indication of an approaching storm. Two planes alighted in Kashiwara Bay and the third off Shimushu Island, nearby, thus making aviation history, winning for America the honour of first flying across the Pacific.—*Reuter*.

Paramushiru, May 17.—The three American world fliers, by their nine hundred miles flight from Attu, earned the distinction of playing the first aeroplanes across the Pacific. Their faces were lacerated by arctic winds and snowstorms.—*Reuter*.

TOKYO, May 19. The American planes started from Paramushiru in the direction of Hitokappu at 7.35 a.m.—*Reuter*.

## TAXICAB ACCIDENT.

## MR. A. G. COPPIN BADLY HURT.

## THAT ROAD SPILL.

We regret to have to report a serious injury to Mr. A. G. Coppin, the well-known broker who was hurt in a taxi spill on his way to the Peak last night. On reference to Dr. G. M. Harston, who is attending Mr. Coppin at the Peak Hospital, we learn that Mr. Coppin's left shoulder has been fractured but he is in the doctor's words merry and bright to-day. He has progressed favourably and is able to receive visitors. Except that the injury is in rather an awkward place there is little to cause apprehension and Mr. Coppin is expected to be able to leave hospital in approximately a month.

In his report to the police authorities, the driver of taxi No. 972 states that he was taking Mr. Coppin and Mr. J. R. Hindmarsh from the Hongkong Club to the Peak Hotel. He was near the junction of Stubbs and Mount Kellet Roads when he turned from the road to the new tucker road and the taxi overturned. Mr. Coppin was injured as stated and removed to the Peak Hospital in a chair. Mr. Hindmarsh, who is pleased to be able to state, was none the worse for the accident.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## BISHOP OF VICTORIA.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—In your issue of Friday, May 16th, you publish an article from the Sydney Morning Herald, which states "Bishop Duppy has laboured incessantly in his extensive diocese, which is six times the size of Great Britain, for five years, and is now on a holiday trip to England."

May I be allowed to point out that this is not correct. Bishop Duppy arrived in Hongkong in the autumn of 1920, and left on furlough April, 1924, practically three and a half years.

Trusting you will publish this correction.

Yours truly,

"NOLO EPISCOPARI"

Hongkong, May 17.

BEAUTIFUL HONGKONG.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—The beauties of Hongkong are ever pointed out with pride to visitors, but I question, Mr. Editor, whether one existing at North Point ever is.

I refer to a hole in the road opposite Bay View Police Station. It is a beautiful mass. The stench arising from it is disgusting and is a menace to health.

The P.W.D. has to my knowledge been working on and off on this excavation for upwards of two years and still the work is not completed.

As the work is a nuisance and also an obstruction to the highway I feel justified in asking you to publish this letter in the hopes of it coming to the notice of the proper authorities.

Yours, etc.,

FED UP.

Hongkong, May 19.

Washington, May 18.—It is understood that the Department of Labour has approved the administrative provisions of the Immigration Bill and that the measure is now in the hands of the State Department, which reports to President Coolidge, who has until the 20th wherein to decide the course of action.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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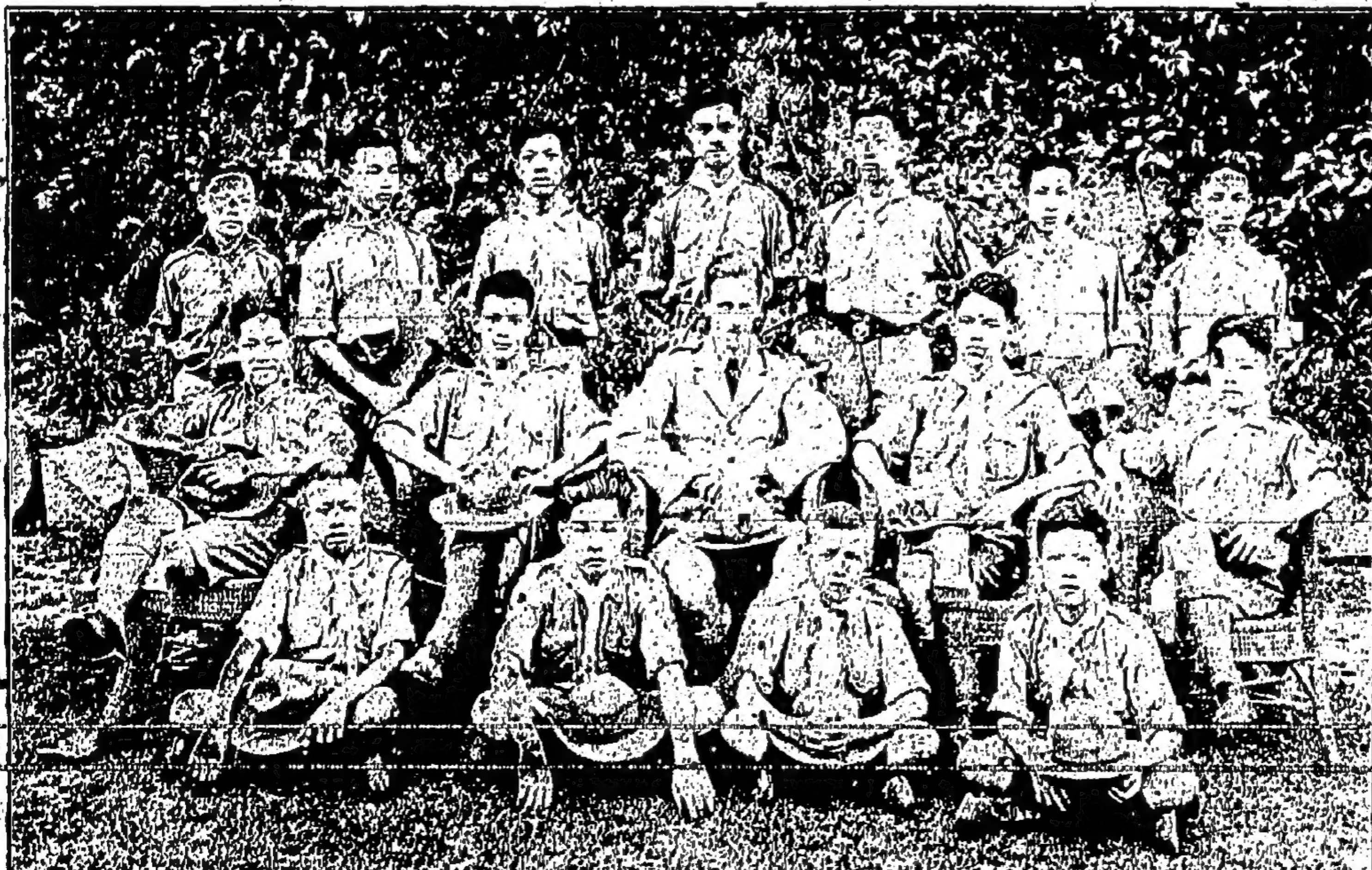


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"MORFA"	10,911	28th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	10,094	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"DEVANHA"	8,092	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KARMA"	8,094	20th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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"KARMA"	10,094	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"SUIA"	8,812	10th July	Shanghai.
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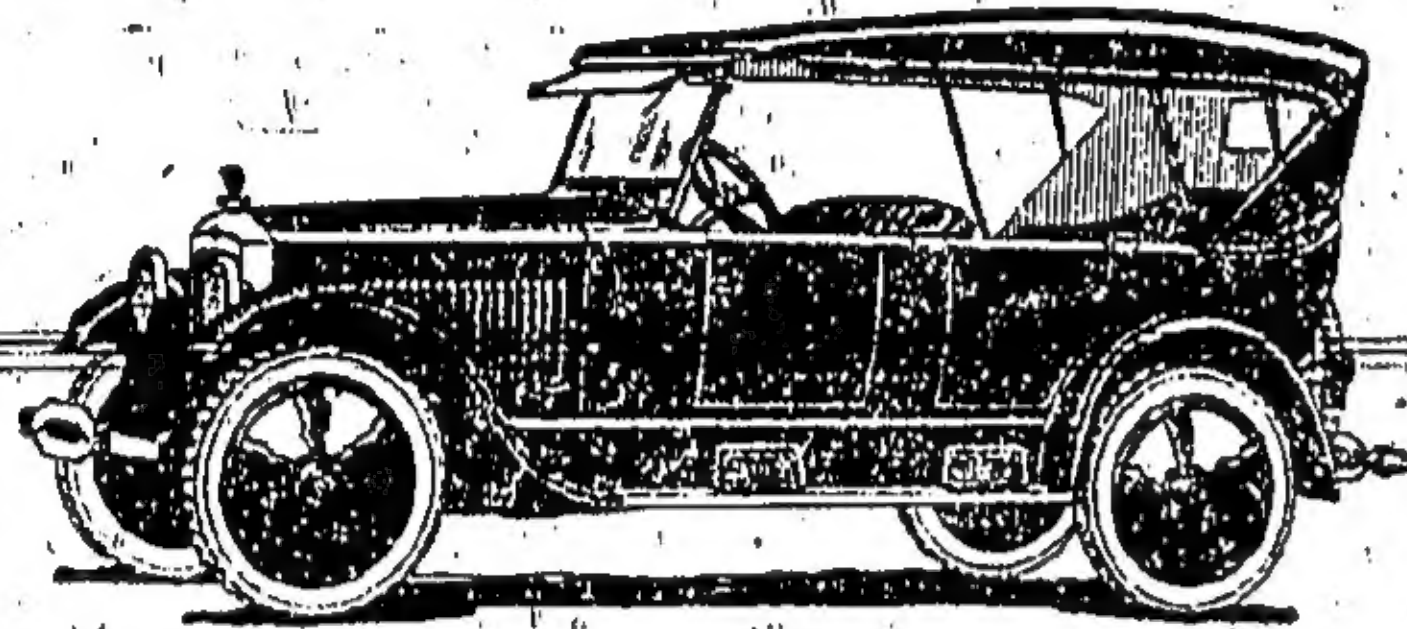
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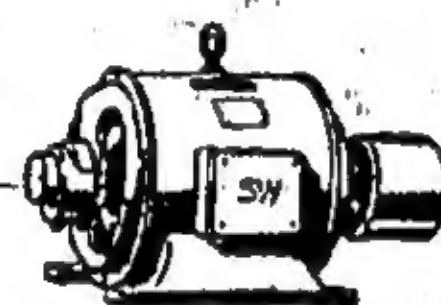
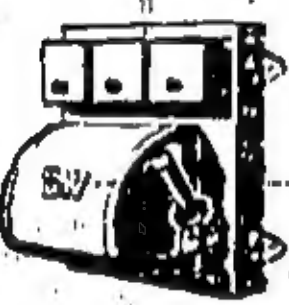
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## PIRACY EVIL.

PROTECTION OF BRITISH NATIONALS.

GUILD'S URGENT DEMANDS.

Time after time the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has made representations covering the repeated attacks which have taken place upon British vessels in Chinese waters, says a writer in the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool). The methods adopted by the pirates do not permit of any effective resistance being made so long as the present defence arrangements are continued, and the British Government does not take stronger action to protect its nationals. Time after time vessels have been subjected to piracy which is really in the form of mutiny amongst passengers carried, the ships are captured and taken to Chinese waters, there to be ransomed. So far as can be ascertained British warships stationed in Chinese waters have taken no energetic action to punish these pirates owing, presumably, to the desire of our Government not to promote international discord, nor to interfere in the internal affairs of China.

Representations have been made by the Guild to the appropriate Government Departments, and Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., of the Guild Parliamentary Committee, in particular, has been indefatigable in bringing this matter to the notice of Parliament. The replies given by the Ministers have not been altogether satisfactory, merely covering a statement that a report has been called for. Thus the matter is allowed to drag on month after month, and each month adds to the list of outrages which take place. The Guild press strongly for full and complete protection for British ships and those who travel in them.

An elementary precaution would be the fitting of wireless in all ships in waters where such attacks are likely to occur, but so far nothing has been done towards making this provision upon an extensive scale. However, the

## NEW CITY BOAT.

"CITY OF VENICE."

This handsome new steamer, "City of Venice," just completed by Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co., Ltd., for the City Line fleet of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., ran a series of very successful trials in Belfast Lough at the conclusion of which the vessel left for Glasgow. The owners were represented by Mr. Macburn Mann, and Mr. G. Workman on behalf of the City Line, and Mr. W. Hinchcliffe on behalf of the Ellerman Lines.

The "City of Venice" has been especially designed and equipped for passenger service between Great Britain and India, and embodies the result of the experience of both owners and builders in producing high-class vessels for this service, and will undoubtedly maintain the high standard of excellence which is characteristic of the numerous steamers of the well-known City Line fleet. Over 470 feet in length, with a tonnage of 8,300 tons, the vessel has been built under special survey for the highest class in Lloyd's Register, and fulfils the latest requirements of the Board of Trade for a first-class passenger and cargo steamer, fitted with the latest approved safety appliances, close-spaced watertight bulkheads, carried up to the superstructure deck, and the boats being handled by mechanically-operated davits. A motor-driven emergency dynamo is fitted on the boat-deck capable of carrying on the lighting and wireless services. This dynamo also supplies power to drive an electric pump in an emergency.

matter is not being allowed to rest there, and the Imperial Merchant Service Guild intend to press for what they consider to be but the just due of everyone who sails in ships, and the reform which would render such insults to the British flag and the British nation impossible in future.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

### SILK.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Jefferson" which sailed from this port at 10 a.m. April 22, arrived at New York at 2 p.m. May 16, having been 23 calendar days in transit.

The silk which left here by the P. & O. s.s. "China" on April 19 was delivered in Marseilles on May 16, a transit of 27 days.

### TRADE IN CHINA.

At the present time, when British engineering industry is suffering so severely from the lack of a sufficient volume of orders, it would be well if some of our manufacturers would pay greater attention to the Chinese market, comments *Engineering*. The mistakes, whether of omission or commission, which so many British engineering manufacturers have made in connection with this market, have been due mainly to the difficulty of getting reliable information and to the abundance of misleading information which is currently circulated by interested parties.

It is commonly stated that China is very wealthy in undeveloped mineral resources. This is a doubtful piece of information, and while one cannot dispute about a country which is comparatively little is yet definitely known, it will be a good basis to work on what is known and this tends to show that China, in proportion to her population, is not so rich in mineral resources as is commonly supposed. Those with an intimate knowledge of trade in China are convinced that the industrial development will be slow and steady, and that any work done now to establish a trade connection will continue to produce results for very many years. The Chinaman is very conservative and will generally give preference to an article which he or one of his friends has used with satisfaction, even though the unknown competing article may be just as good and be offered at a price which makes it actually better value. A buyer, who has had practical experience, will frequently insist on the very highest grade of, say, a Sheffield made tool when he could get a much cheaper American article.

In general, however, it may be said that to secure trade in China it is necessary that prices should be competitive, but it must not be thought that it is always essential to have the lowest price. It is frequently the ability to quote prices promptly and supply full information, and particularly illustrations of the machine or apparatus offered, that is the deciding factor.

### COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 13, amounted to 87,008 tons and the sales during the period to 70,784 tons.

### WEST INDIES OIL.

Amsterdam, May 17.—The Batavia Petroleum Company is considerably extending their business in the West Indies, constructing large tanks at Venezuela, in addition to four tanks on which work has been commenced at Curaçao. —*Reuter*.

### PASSENGER LINER LAUNCHED.

London, May 17.—The motorship "Marudu," accommodation 350 passengers, has been launched at Belfast for the Straits Steamship Company at Singapore. —*Reuter*.

### ORIENT BUYS EMPIRE GRAIN.

As the result of a conference at Winnipeg between representatives of the leading Chinese and Japanese grain-importers and the Manitoba and Saskatchewan agricultural interests, an important advance in trade between Canada and the Orient is forecast.

"The movement has already started," declared a Japanese representative, "and will some day astonish people by its magnitude. Last year wheat for use in the twelve grain mills which they now control in China. But this year the amount to be bought in the Dominion will be greatly increased. When I tell you that my firm's mills have an output of 15,000 barrels of flour per day, you will gather that in our future trade with the Dominion there are great possibilities."

Washington, May 17.—President Coolidge has cancelled all engagements to-day. He is absent from office suffering from a slight cold. —*Reuter's American Service*.

London, May 17.—Up to the present the results of the big bang notified are disappointing as far as long distance audibility is concerned, revealing several vagaries in the upper air, as evidence by zones of silence comparatively near the scene of the explosion, while several places heard two or more distinct reports. The organizers have decided to postpone repetition for different atmospheric conditions. —*Reuter*.

## ARMS HAUL SEQUEL.

"PAUL-LECAT" DELAYED IN PORT.

PANTRY BOY JAILED.

With the s.s. "Paul-Lecat" specially delayed in order to allow her officers to attend the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to give evidence regarding the huge arms haul made recently, the Chinese pantry-boy, Ko Shing and four firemen again appeared before Mr. E. W. Munition to answer charges and be summarily tried of unlawfully possessing nearly 100,000 rounds of ammunition and over 50 revolvers.

The pantry boy's case was taken first. Previously he had been committed for trial, but as the Magistrate had decided to deal summarily with the four firemen when their case came up, he announced last week that the pantry boy would also be summarily dealt with when the "Paul-Lecat" came into port. The boy was charged with possessing 18 revolvers and 8,880 rounds of ammunition.

According to the 3rd Officer, M. Giquel, he was instructed to keep a sharp look out for anyone round the ship when the "Paul-Lecat" came into Hongkong. He went down to the saloon and walking along to the pantry found five or six Chinese pulling down boards of a partition and sorting out ammunition and revolvers. When they saw him, they ran away but he managed to catch the pantry boy.

On this evidence, and testimony given previously, the boy was sent to jail for twelve months. As regards the four firemen who were charged with illegally possessing 30 pistols and 80,880 rounds of ammunition, the Chief Officer, M. Valeris said he also had instructions to keep a sharp watch for any attempt to smuggle or handle arms and ammunition. Officers were placed in all corners of the ship. On the day the firemen were arrested he saw four Chinese carrying sacks on their shoulders and as soon as they spotted him, they ran into the stokers' room. Witness said he looked the door and afterwards went inside. He saw a number of Chinese there, sitting around, some playing cards with the sacks on the floor. The four firemen were hiding under the bunks.

Cross-examined by Mr. C. A. S. Russ who appeared for the second defendant, the witness said he arrested the defendants because they were hiding. He identified second defendant as one of the men who was hiding, but he could not say that any of the defendants were those he saw carrying the sacks.

In his argument for the defence, Mr. Russ submitted that the second defendant may have gone to hide when he heard the noise, which he might have thought was caused by pirates aboard.

Mr. Hamilton said he could hardly believe this that there may have been pirates on board when the ship was in the port of Hongkong. The second defendant would have been sent to jail for twelve months and the others dismissed.

Addressing the officers of the "Paul-Lecat," the Magistrate said the Government and the Police appreciated the way in which they had taken the trouble to find the arms and ammunition. He was also obliged to the company for delaying the ship in order that the officers could give evidence; he specially wished to thank them for giving evidence this morning.

In reply, the Chief Officer said what they had done was only their duty; they had really done nothing to merit thanks.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Many old residents in the Far East will learn with very deep regret of the death of Dr. Louis Pichon, which occurred in Paris on Good Friday (April 18), at the age of 84 years, says the *N.C.D. News*, for during a residence of 21 years in Shanghai his untiring devotion to the sick and needy endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Dr. Pichon arrived in Shanghai in 1872 and remained until 1892, when he retired from practice here. He returned to Shanghai in 1901 for a brief visit, and he was preparing for another visit when the Great War broke out. Until four years ago he had enjoyed perfect health and was as alert as ever, but then he met with an injury to his right leg and became practically an invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Goubault, Mrs. Backhouse, and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargis are passengers on the outgoing "Paul-Lecat." Mr. Goubault is Consul for France at Canton.

# ROXOR

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting will close at 12 o'clock noon, on MONDAY, 26th May, 1924, instead of SATURDAY, 24th May, 1924.

By Order

G. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1924.

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day moved our office to the "Asiatic Building", second floor.

HAZELAND & GONELLA,  
Architects.

Hongkong, May 19, 1924.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

FRIDAY, 23rd May, 1924, commencing at 11 o'clock a.m. at their Sales Rooms, Daddell Street,

A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture, Comprising:—

Teak dining table, dining chairs, teak side board with mirror, Teak bedsteads, single and double iron bedsteads, single and double teak wardrobes with glass doors, dressing table, marble top wash stand, teak chest of drawers, writing desk and bookcase, silver, brass ornaments, Pictures, carpets etc., etc.

Also

One Cottage Piano by Crowley  
One Cottage Piano by Challen and Son

And

Two Sets Ma Jong  
One Oliver Typewriter  
One Musical Box  
Catalogues will be issued

On View from THURSDAY the 22nd May 1924.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

SAHMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 19th, 1924.

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WEDNESDAY, 11th June, 1924, commencing at 3 o'clock p.m. at the premises of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Road East.

The Steam Driven Electric Generating Plant, Consisting of:—

Two Babcock and Wilcox Boilers (complete) each having approximately 3,004 square feet of heating surface, guaranteed to evaporate under normal conditions 12,000 lbs. of water per hour.

Working pressure 180 lbs. per square inch.  
Both Boilers fitted with chain grate stokers.

Engines  
Two 425 B.H.P. Horizontal Compound condensing steam engines by Messrs. Yates & Thom of Blackburn, coupled direct to two 200 Kilowatt Direct Current Dick Kerr Generators.

Volts 550, R.P.M. 100.  
Complete with steam piping, etc., etc.

One 150 B.H.P. Vertical Compound condensing steam engine, by Messrs. Belliss & Morcom Ltd., coupled direct to one 200 Kilowatt Direct Current Dick Kerr Generator.

Volts 550, R.P.M. 250.  
Complete with steam piping, etc., etc.

Auxiliary Plant  
One W. O. Allen tandem compound engine, coupled direct to a 20 Kilowatt Direct Current Dick Kerr Generator.

Volts 110, R.P.M. 500.  
One Dick Kerr Motor Generator Set.

Motor 550 Volts, Generator 110 Volts, R.P.M. 500.

One Remington two cylinder crude oil engine, direct coupled to a 15 Kilowatt Direct Current Chanderseyon Generator.

Volts 125, R.P.M. 400.  
Switchboard of highly polished plate completely fitted up for running Generators and Auxiliary Plant.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 16, 1924.

HOW LONG SHOULD A GIRL WAIT FOR A MAN?

One man had come into her life, and had gone.....into the shadows of misty memory. Then another had come—she thought she loved them both. She cherished the memory of the first; had said she would wait, and yet.....What should she do? What should any woman do? How long SHOULD a woman wait for a man?

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## THE MAN WHO BUILT IT.

## OLDEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD.

"One small object, found almost by chance, afforded us a disproportionate satisfaction; it was a gold scaraboid bead inscribed with the name and title of the man who built this, the oldest building in the world still standing above ground, King A-n-ni-pad-da of Ur, who, (Sumarian chronology is right, reigned about 4500 years before the birth of Christ.)"

The above is a passage from the report of the progress of the excavations conducted at and in the neighbourhood of Ur (the modern Mughair) in Mesopotamia by the joint expedition of the British Museum and the University Museum of Pennsylvania received from Mr. C. Woolley, the leader of the expedition. It is stated in the report that the excavation of the little temple at Tell al Obeid, about four miles from Ur, is now complete, and a far fuller idea can be got of what is by a good way the oldest example of building construction yet found. The report proceeds:

"A broad flight of stone steps led to a platform about twenty feet high, on the south corner of which stood the temple proper, its gate-tower fronting on the stairway. Its facade set back from the edge of the platform so as to leave a narrow step, on which stood a row of statues of bulls sculptured in the round. These stood some three feet high, and were made of thin copper plates beaten up over a wooden core; their heads were turned out to face the spectator, and their horns were of gold. Two of these statues have been recovered, though in a bad condition, owing to the crushing of the metal under the enormous weight of the brickwork which had fallen on to the top of them and to its subsequent decay, and to the enemy hands which had torn off the golden horns."

"Of the frieze of cattle lying down these also beaten up from the copper plates, with heads cast in more solid metal and joined on to the bodies, we have now a dozen examples, many of them in a wonderful state of preservation. An important discovery was that of two columns ten feet high, incrustated with mosaic work in black paste, red stone, and mother of pearl; both had been damaged by their fall, and the cores on which the mosaic was set had decayed completely away, so that the tesserae retained indeed their positions in the soil, but were kept together by nothing more than their own weight; however, it was found possible to remove large sections at a time, and to fix these on to new cores without disturbing the individual pieces of mosaic, and so to preserve these remarkable columns if not as they stood in the temple at least as they were after they had once fallen from it."

## LAWN BOWLS.

## CIVIL SERVICE'S GOOD START.

The Civil Service Cricket Club opened their lawn bowls season auspiciously on Saturday when they defeated every one of the five teams on their own grounds. At the end of the series Mrs. Laing presented souvenir spoons to members of the winning team. The green which has just been returned was in excellent condition.

Scores were:—	
C.S.S.C.	CRAIGENGOWER C.C.
Cullip.	Green.
Knight.	Brown.
Grimmitt.	MacFarlane.
Hill. (Skip.) 24	Bass. (Skip.) 12
C.S.C.C.	K.B.C.C.
Deacon.	McKay.
Holman.	Frost.
Murphy.	MacFarlane.
Duncan.	Gow.
(Skip) 22	(Skip) 12
C.S.C.C.	K.C.C.
Hall.	Herridge.
Gregory.	Ramsay.
Keegan.	Tacchi.
Stanley.	Stevens.
(Skip) 25	(Skip) 23
C.S.C.C.	POLICE.
Laing.	Watt.
Davey.	Glendenning.
Sara.	Moss.
Ballen. (skip) 20	Grant. (skip) 14
C.S.C.C.	TAIKOO.
F. Smith.	Matthews.
R. Smith.	O'Brien.
Oswick.	McLeod.
Mill. (skip) 27	Morrison. (skip) 22

London, May 18.—Their Majesties the King and Queen will visit the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors at Richmond on July 10; when the Queen will receive from the representatives of the British Women's Hospitals, and hand over to the Honorary Committee the completed buildings which have been erected by the generosity of British women at Home, in India, the British dominions and colonies and throughout the world, to form a woman's memorial of the great war.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## LAST MATCH IN INTER-CLUB LEAGUE.

The concluding match of the Portuguese Inter-Club Football League who played on Saturday at King's Park resulted in a victory for the Boys' Own Athletic Club over the Club Juveniles by 3 goals to nil. The match was interesting to watch, though it was evident throughout that the B.O.A.C. were the stronger and better combined team. Rocha scored the only goal in the first half and Xavier the other two after the interval.

The teams lined up as follows:—  
B.O.A.C.—Remedios; A. E. Carvalho and A. Gozalo; B. Assumpcao; S. A. dos Remedios and J. Gomes; A. Bames, D. Xavier, D. Alves and L. Rocha.  
Juveniles F.C.—Fernandes; J. Gomes and S. M. Cruz; C. Remedios, A. Peres and L. Remedios; A. MacGran, G. Remedios, A. Fustes, H. Remedios and C. Barretto.

At the conclusion of the match Mr. F. Rosario expressed the hope that the Portuguese would be able to field a strong eleven in the Hongkong League next season. He thanked Mr. Mody and the Portuguese team for the handsome shield and cups they had presented for competition.

Mrs. Rosario then distributed the shield and medals to the winners, and Mrs. Mody's cup to the runners-up.

## HERO OF KUT.

## MAJOR GENERAL TOWNSEND SHOWN DEAD.

The death is announced of Major-General Sir Charles Townsend-Ryder.



Gen. Sir Charles Townsend.

[Major-General] Sir Charles Townsend, K.C.B., C.B., D.S.O., was born February 21, 1861. He entered the Royal Marines in 1881, and was promoted to captain in 1892, to major in 1895, to lieutenant-colonel in 1896, to colonel in 1904, brigadier-general in 1909, and to major-general in 1911. He served in the Sudan Expedition with the mounted infantry, and in the Nile Expedition with the Gambia Camel Regiment in the desert column actions of Abu Kila and Gubat in 1884-1885, for which service he was awarded a medal with two clasps and a bronze star. He served also in the Nuanetsi Expedition of 1891-1892, for which he was awarded a medal with clasp. He commanded the garrison of Chitral Fort during the siege, served in the Dongola Expedition of 1898, at Abani in 1898, and the Nile Expedition of the same year. He served also through the South African war of 1899-1900, and in the European War in Mesopotamia, commanding the 6th division and force in the battles of Kurna, Kut-el-Amara, Ctesiphon and the Defence of Kut.

## GARRISON HOCKEY.

The final of the Garrison Hockey League, "C" Coy. v. "B" Coy. East Surrey Regt., took place at Sookumpoo on Thursday last when after a very close game "C" Company managed to win Coy. 2 goals to 1. Extra time necessary. Within a few minutes of the start Captain Swinton scored for "C" Coy., and just before half-time L/Cpl Dumoril equalised for "B" Company. During the second half of the extra time, Sgt. Worsfold scored the winning goal with a splendid shot for "C" Company. Colonel Montague Bates, in asking Mrs. Paton to present to Cup and medals, commented on the very close and excellent game seen. He mentioned that the Cup was won last year by "C" Coy. King's Regt. and he was pleased that the same company of the Surreys has won this year. Mrs. Paton then handed the Cup to Captain Swinton and medals to each player of the winning side.

## A Boy and His Stomach.

The boy who eats whatever, whenever and as much as he pleases is sure to find out very suddenly Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It stops almost instantly agonising stomach and bowel pains, hot weather cramps and weakening diarrhoea. Should be kept in every household. Sold and recommended everywhere.

## BLACK MAGIC.

## WITCH-DOCTORS AND EVIL SPIRITS.

Among the Malays the black-art is an accomplishment of which they are very proud, says the *Daily Mail*.

Self-abnegation is required of all those who seek to practise the art; some live the life of a recluse, others leave their houses only at night, but though the uninitiated may rub shoulders with a bomor without knowing it, the trained eye can easily single him out.

The range of the bomor's practice is wide for he is considered to have power to do anything from curing a fever to making a man mad; but it is as a doctor that his services are generally enlisted.

Perhaps a boy falls into a bog while playing in the fields and, after he has been rescued, shows symptoms of fever. The bomor is hastily sent for.

After diagnosing the case, he calls for a candle, a plate of betel-leaf, betel-nuts, and lime. He lights the candle, after fixing it firmly to the plate, and gazes at it with moving lips.

In a few minutes he turns to the family and says that the boy's spirit has fled. Calling for a pail of water, he chants over it, and then says that if the boy is bathed with it he will recover. Having then prepared a talisman for the boy to wear, he leaves the house.

It may happen, perhaps, that one of the children cries at night. Although this is probably due to indigestion, the mother suspects some evil spirit. The bomor's services are again enlisted, and he confirms her opinion.

Calling for betel-leaf and ginger, he chews them and blows some of the mixture over the child's body. Then, still chewing, he retreats to the door where he ejects the remainder of the mixture and quickly closes the door. This has blown the spirit away; it then only remains to guard the child with some talisman.

To clear a haunted house the bomor holds a séance. Chanting before a candle, he slowly loses consciousness, and then while in a trance and roaring like a lion, he goes chasing round the house until he falls in a faint at the door. This shows that the house has been cleared.

From such séances cats and dogs are generally excluded—in case the bomor should eat them while he is in his trance. Were he to do so he would become a tiger or some other wild beast!

## TALES OF CLEOPATRA.

## PRACTICAL JOKES ON HER PRISONERS.

Cleopatra, according to Mr. Arthur Weigall's authoritative book, was fond of practical jokes. "It is related how once when Anthony was fishing in the sea, she made a driver descend into the water to attach to his line a salted fish, which he drew to the surface amid the greatest merriment."

By an odd coincidence one of the jokes that Lord Beresford, in his gay young days played on one of his admirals was to attach a kipper to the line with which the veteran was fishing. But in that case the result was not merriment—only an awful row.

Telling pictures are given of the great Romans with whom Cleopatra was brought into relationship. Brutus, the assassin of Caesar, is portrayed by Mr. Weigall as a Latin "sigh-brow." Augustus is represented as having been almost as unpleasant as Lenin.

"A curious tempered man, morose, quietly cruel, and secretly vicious. So many persons were tortured and crucified by him that he came to be known as the 'Executioner.' His complexion was sallow and unhealthy, his skin being covered with spots, and his teeth were much decayed."

"It was in keeping with the cruelty of the times that Cleopatra, before she killed herself, administered various poisons to criminals to find the least painful."

"Anxiously she watched the death struggles of the prisoners, discarding those drugs which produced pain and convulsions. She also experimented with venomous snakes, subjecting animals and human beings to their poisonous bites."

As the result of these highly practical tests, she selected the asp to kill herself with, though Mr. Weigall, in his entrancing pages, thinks the real snake she used was "the deadly little horned viper."

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## "EXCUSE MY DUST."

## LATEST WALLIE-REID SUCCESS.

"Cinema-goers who saw 'The Roaring Road' will be interested to learn that Wallace Reid's second motor car racing picture, 'Excuse My Dust,' is now showing at the Star Theatre. 'Like its predecessor, based on an original magazine story, 'Excuse My Dust' is really the sequel of 'The Roaring Road' but is also a complete picture in itself. Excitement is the essence of 'Excuse My Dust,' and it is a dull person indeed who does not feel a thrill as the great race proceeds. Given an element of intrigue and a dash of surprise, 'Excuse My Dust' is an altogether enjoyable picture. Incidentally, it might be added, this film bears the Paramount imprint, a sign Kowloon cinema-goers have learned to recognise as assuring quality."

## OSCAR WILDE.

## HOW HE ANNOUNCED HIS ENGAGEMENT.

Intensely interesting "autograph letters from the poet Browning and the painter Whistler are among those to be sold at Sotheby's on April 10.

Many of the Whistler letters are addressed to his former private secretary, Mr. C. J. Hanson, while others are from the painter to Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Reid.

An isolated letter of melancholy interest is written by Oscar Wilde to Storr announcing his engagement to be married. The letter is dated January 1881, from an hotel in Sheffield.

Yes! my dear Waldino, yes! Amazing, of course—that was necessary.

Naturally I did not write—the winds carry tidings over the Appennines better than the 21d. post; of course it accounts for the splendid sunsets about which science was so puzzled—

Well, we are to be married in April, as you were—and then go to Paris—and perhaps to Rome—what do you think?

Her name is Constance—and she is quite young, very grave, and mystical, with wonderful eyes—and dark brown coils of hair—quite perfect, except that she does not think Jimmy the only painter that ever really existed—she would like to bring Titian or somebody in by the back door; however, she knows I am the greatest poet—so in literature she is all right.

We are, of course, desperately in love. I have been obliged to be away nearly all the time since our engagement civilising the provinces by my remarkable lectures—but we telegraph to each other twice a day, and the telegraph clerks have become quite romantic in consequence. I hand in my messages, however, very sternly and try to look as if "love" was a cryptogram for "buy Grand Trunks" and "daring" a cypher for "sell out at par"; I am sure it succeeds, etc.

"CRITICS SLAUGHTERED." "The Whistler letters are characteristic, running over many subjects; 2. This is by way of wishing you the best possible New Year," he writes to his secretary, Mrs. Paris, January 15, 1900, "with health and success and what is called luck—which comes to those who don't wait for it."

Among the artist's letters to Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Reid is the following about one of the writer's exhibitions:

It has been the most brilliant campaign!—Never such a social Hurrah brought about by art means in London before!—The critics simply slaughtered and lying round in masses! The people divided into opposite bodies, for and against—all but violent!—and the Gallery full—and above all the catalogues selling like mad! The papers have been full of the affair—and in short it is amazing. Here is one of his references to the Academy:

There is no word in the language I am more or less in the habit of speaking that can at all convey an idea of the doddering quality and travelling incapacity that have covered the walls of this year.

BUTTERFLIES RAMPANT. From Chelsea, February 5, 1883, there is a most amusing letter about an exhibition of his etchings:

Saturday 17, opening of Show and Private View—Arrangement in White and Yellow. The Butterfly [a reference to the well-known Butterfly signature of the artist] rampant and all over the place. A servant in yellow livery (I) handing catalogue in brown paper cover same size as Ruskin pamphlet! And such a catalogue! The last impression! Sublime simply—Never such a thing thought of—I take, my dear Waldo, all that I have collected of the silly delirium of the wise fools who write, and I pepper and salt it about the catalogue in short, I put their names to the grindstone and turn the wheel with a whirr! I just let it spin. I give you Hell! moving old Solomon about the feet in my heart's content. The whole thing is a joy—and indeed, a masterpiece of mischief.

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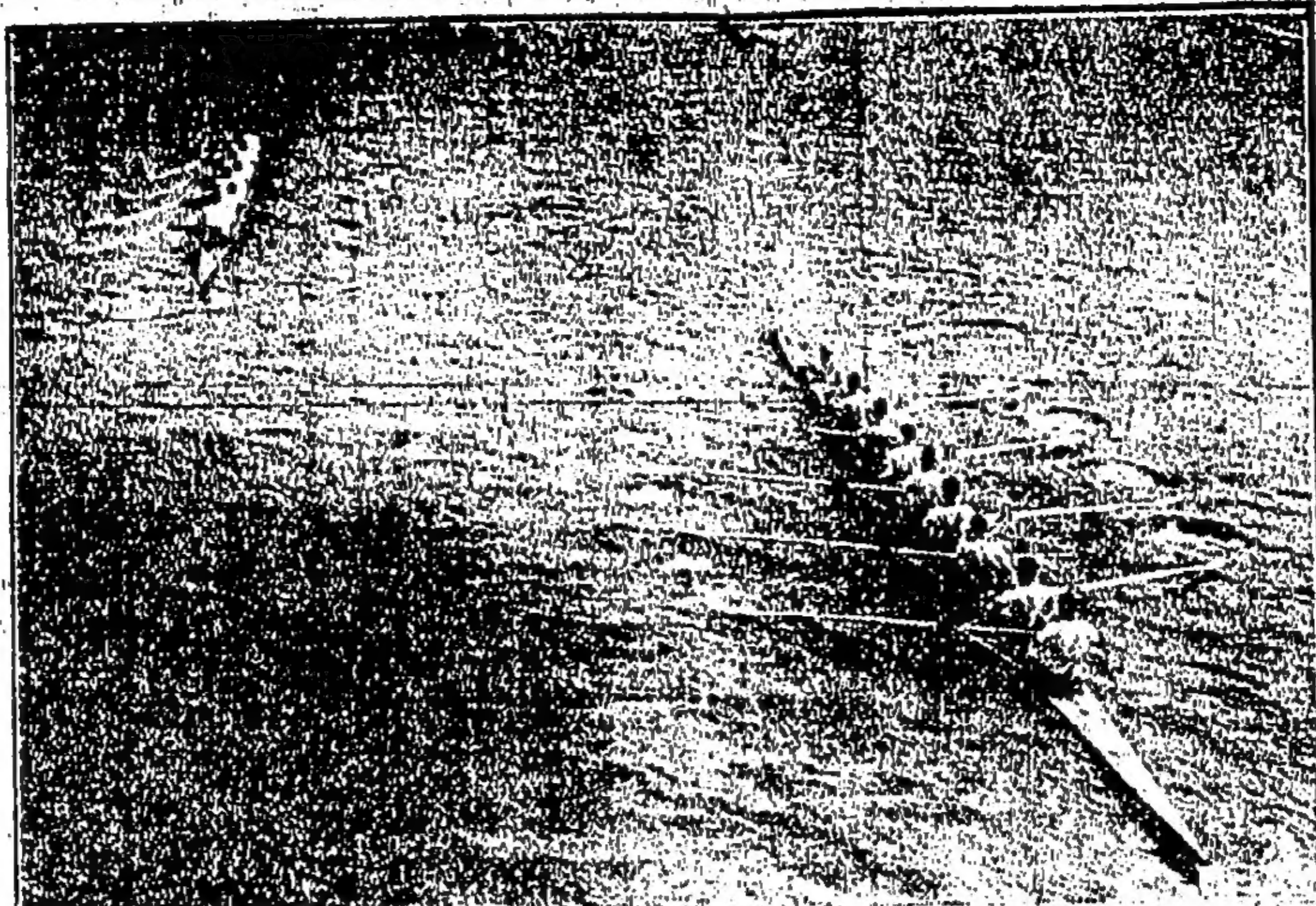
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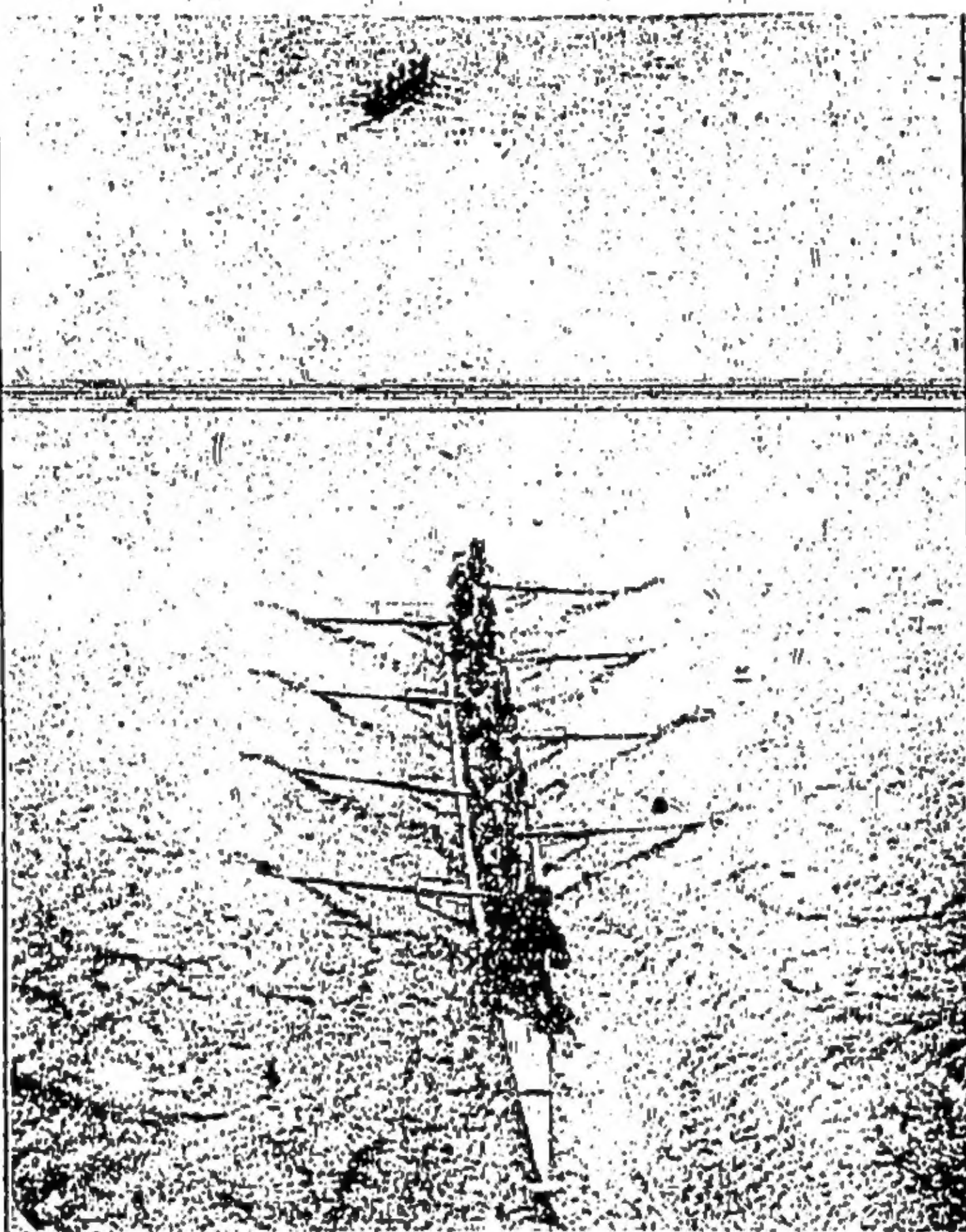
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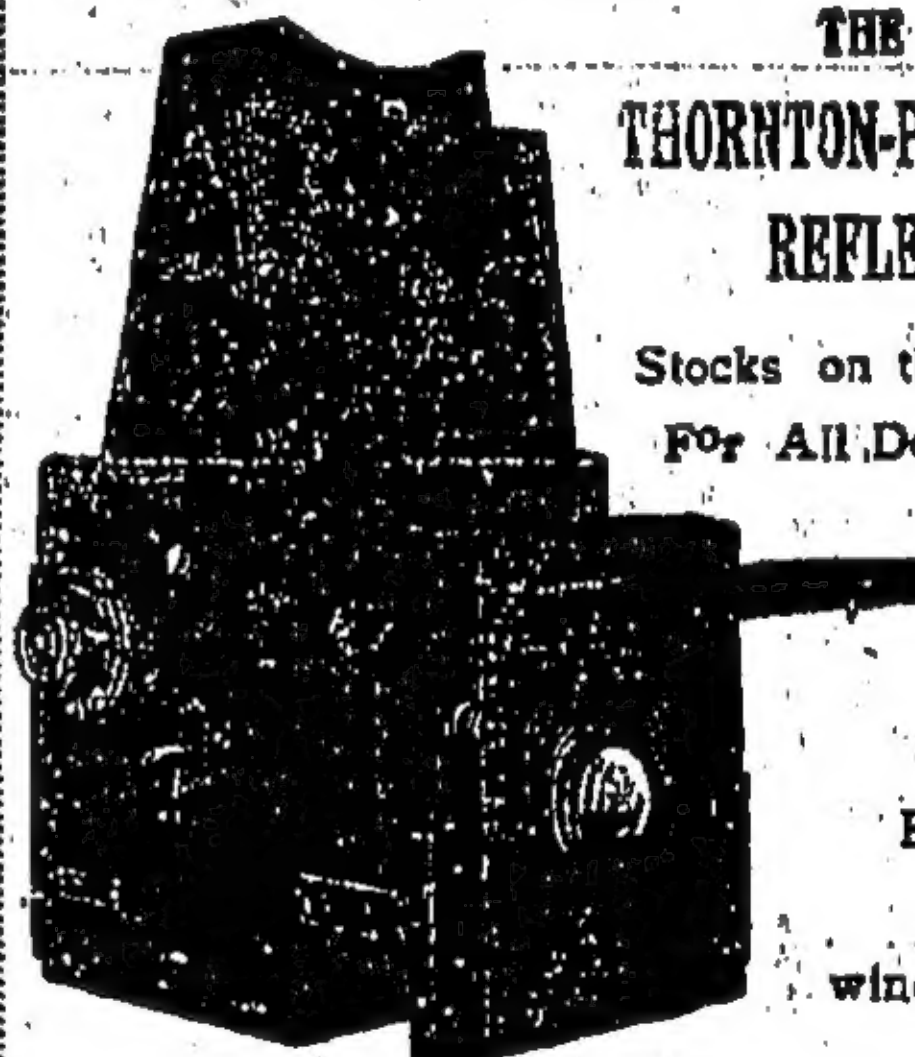
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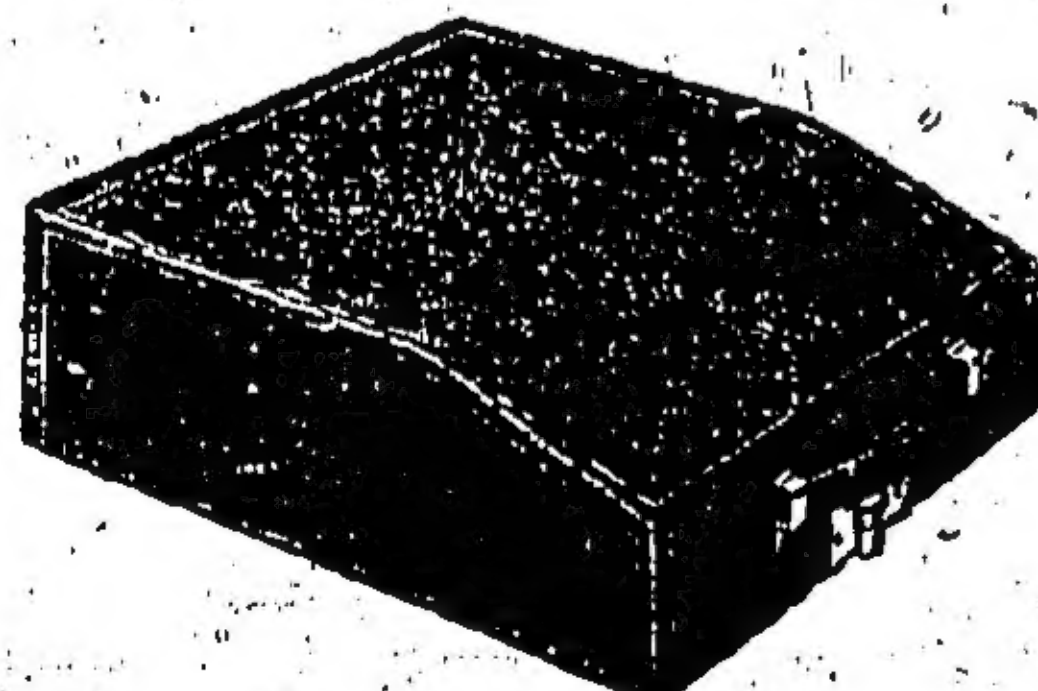
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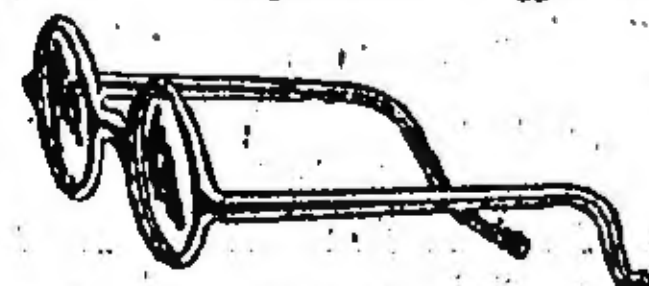
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